

ance of glycuronic acid in the urine after the exhibition of chloroform, morphine, and other agents. By the latter research he largely set at rest the vexed question as to the occurrence of absorption through the vesical mucous membrane. On being promoted to the Doctorate of Medicine he was accorded a gold medal by the Medical Faculty of Edinburgh University. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and a member of the Physiological Society.

In 1889, on the advice of professional friends, he settled in practice at Coningsby. He threw himself into the duties of the new sphere with characteristic energy. His professional standing, high character, and attractive personal qualities quickly gained for him an exceptional degree of trust and regard. Only a month or two since he arranged to share with a partner a portion of his rapidly increasing practice. In August last he took a short holiday in Scotland, and returned to work in excellent health. In the midst of this he was suddenly attacked by illness, and never rallied. He was buried at Coningsby on October 13th.

As regards the estimation in which he was held by his contemporaries, we cannot do better than reprint a striking tribute to his memory which appeared in the *Edinburgh University Magazine* of October 19th:

It is not too much to say that Dr. Ashdown was one of the most unique men that the University has turned out for many years. Gifted with unusual bodily vigour, he possessed mental capabilities of no less vigorous character. He combined in uncommon fashion the qualities of teacher and investigator. Perhaps the chief characteristic of his work was its thoroughness. He could not brook anything like slipshod slovenly methods, and he was fortunate in being able to impress those with whom he came in contact with the same enthusiasm for honesty in work. His published researches were models of precision and unwearied care in observation, and their value has been widely recognised in this country and abroad. He had an immense amount of such work on hand, and one of his saddest reflections in quitting Edinburgh was the prospective necessity of leaving much of it incomplete. His attainments were most varied, and were not limited to medical science. He was well versed in general literature, and was more particularly a discriminating student of poetry; a connoisseur in music, he was long a warm adherent of the University Musical Society. He was a keen sportsman, and, next to the calls of the profession, he loved to "hearken to the ring of a clear 'Tally-ho.'"

His geniality of disposition, his sympathetic nature, his devotion to duty, and his thoroughgoing loyalty of spirit—"the homage of a knightly heart"—attached to him in close friendship a large number of the best men among his contemporaries.

"For never man had friend
More enduring to the end,
Truer mate in every turn of time and tide."

WILLIAM FREER LUCAS, M.R.C.S.ENG., L.R.C.P.LOND.,
Casualty Medical Officer to the Middlesex Hospital.

WILLIAM FREER LUCAS died of diphtheria on October 8th, at the early age of 23. At the time that he contracted the disease he was acting as resident medical officer at the Middlesex Hospital. In administering chloroform during tracheotomy the child coughed up into his face. He was attacked by diphtheria four days afterwards. The disease spread to the lungs and terminated fatally in ten days. He was born near Petworth, in Sussex, on August 24th, 1870. He received his early education at Churcher's College, Petersfield, and at the Royal Medical College, Epsom, where his brother, Mr. R. C. Lucas, is now assistant master. At Epsom Mr. Lucas gained many class prizes and carried off the Senior School Scholarship in 1886 and the Anne Hood Exhibition in 1887, and as the first placed amongst the candidates from Epsom College at the Matriculation Examination of the University of London. He passed the preliminary scientific (M.B.) examination in July, 1888, and entered the Middlesex Hospital as the Epsom scholar for that year. At the hospital he amply fulfilled the promise of his school days. In the session of 1891-92 he gained the first Broderip Scholarship (the chief clinical prize) and also the Lyell medal for surgery and surgical anatomy. He became house-physician, and in July last was appointed to the office of casualty medical officer. Mr. Lucas obtained the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in October, 1892, and would have proceeded to the final M.B. at the University of London this year had his life been spared.

In athletics both at school and at the hospital he excelled, and his gentlemanly bearing, uprightness, and candour gained for him many friends. At Epsom, as the most popular boy in the school, he was awarded the Wakley Prize by the vote of his schoolfellows.

The attendance of many members of the resident and non-

resident hospital staff at the service held on the eve of the funeral in the newly-erected chapel attached to the hospital and at the grave side at Shamley Green, near Guildford, where he was buried on October 13th, and the handsome and numerous floral tokens from members of the medical and nursing staffs, the resident officers and the students of the hospital, speak with greater eloquence than words of the high esteem in which he was held by all.

We have received from one who was well acquainted with Mr. Lucas, the following touching tribute to his memory.

IN MEMORIAM.

Arbor frondibus decora,
Novis floribus odora
Ante diem cœditur.
Portu vix egressa ratis
Subita vi tempestatis
Fluctibus summergeitur.

Teque magno cum dolore
Flemus in ætatis flore,
Moribus amabilem,
Acerba sorte interceptum
Tuorum oculis ereptum,
Cordibus superstitem.

Heu! juvenus animosa,
Vitaque laboriosa,
Vividum ingenium,
Sine fructu perierunt,
Nilhil mores profuerunt,
Nil amor sodalium.

Verba ne edas profana,
Vita non est illi vana,
Si quis bene vixerit.
Partes suas bene gerens,
Alisque opem ferens
Fulchra morte concidit.

Is qui vitam sic transivit,
Plenus fide obdormivit,
Non omnino moritur,
Tutum ratis tenet portum,
Arbor in cœlestem hortum
Frugifera transponitur.

N. M. M. P.

GEORGE ANDREW PATERSON, M.D. EDIN.

THE death of Dr. George Andrew Paterson is reported to have taken place on October 18th at his residence in Edinburgh. The deceased took the degree of M.D. Edin. in 1833, and in 1837 he became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. For some years after graduation, he was in practice in Edinburgh, and was one of the physicians of the Royal Infirmary. He then established himself at Tiverton as a consulting physician, but in 1862 he accepted the position of Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy for Scotland. He discharged the duties of that office with great ability, and his resignation in 1877 was accepted by the Board with great regret. Dr. Paterson was an accomplished linguist, and a great student of the classics of his own tongue.

GEORGE WALKER, M.D. GLASG., M.R.C.S.ENG.

THE death took place on October 21st of Dr. G. Walker, of Birkenhead. The deceased was born in Glasgow, and at the University of that city he graduated M.D. in 1835. He practised in Glasgow for some years, went next to Aberdeen, and in 1844 settled in practice in Birkenhead. In the same year he took the diploma of M.R.C.S.Eng. Dr. Walker took an active interest in the borough hospital, to which he was honorary surgeon for a long period, and he was consulting surgeon to the lying-in hospital and dispensary. The deceased gentleman was 78 years of age, and was a well-known figure in Birkenhead.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. William Williams, of Guilsborough, Northamptonshire, who was one of the earliest members of the British Medical Association. He had resided at Guilsborough for seventy-four years, having gone there in 1819 to be articled to the late Mr. Henry Bullivant, surgeon. He obtained the diploma of the Apothecaries' Society of London in 1826, and became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1843. In 1834 he married the niece of Mr. Bullivant, and upon that gentleman's death he succeeded to his practice. In 1836, when the Brixworth Union was divided, he was appointed medical officer of the second district, and both in this capacity and as a private practitioner he earned the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and was especially beloved by the poor. He died on October 9th, 1893, at the ripe age of 91 years, and his funeral in Guilsborough Churchyard on October 14th was attended by a large number of representatives of all classes of society.

THE death is reported of Dr. Léon Le Fort, member of the Paris Academy of Medicine. The deceased was born in 1829,

and commenced his medical studies at Lille, whence he proceeded to Paris. The deceased acted as surgeon during the Italian campaign, and when the Franco-Prussian war broke out was appointed surgeon-in-chief, and directed the ambulance service during the siege of Metz. Dr. Le Fort was elected a member of the Academy of Medicine in 1876. He was decorated with the Legion of Honour in 1870, and promoted to the rank of officer in 1882.

WE regret to have to report the death, after three days' illness, of Dr. Buck, of Primrose Hill Road and Camden Road. He took the diploma of M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1867, and in 1868 he became a L.R.C.P.Edin., and obtained the M.D.Brux in 1887. The primary cause of death was peritonitis. A few days before his death Dr. Buck was attending to his practice in the ordinary way.

ON Monday morning, October 23rd, Mr. George Fitzhenry died suddenly at his residence at Brynmawr, at the age of 80 years. He qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1844, and became L.S.A. in 1863. On the Saturday previous he was about and appeared to be in his usual health.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Amongst the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. E. M. Van Kempen, some time Professor of Anatomy in the University of Louvain; Professor Friedrich Falk, of the University of Berlin, for many years Librarian of the Berlin Medical Society, and well known by his writings on medical jurisprudence, public health, and the history of medicine; and Dr. W. G. Stebbins, of the Boston City Hospital. Dr. Stebbins, who was only 28, was a graduate with honours of the University of Harvard, and was doing temporary duty as Admitting Physician. Within twenty-four hours of his entering on his duties he admitted three patients suffering from diphtheria, and catching the disease himself died a few days later. Dr. Stebbins was a physician of high promise.

THE Public Control Committee of the London County Council recommend an increase in the salary of Mr. Troutbeck, the Coroner for Westminster, from £500 to £564, and of Dr. R. Macdonald, the Coroner for North-East London, from £999 to £1,401.

PROPOSED MEDICAL CONGRESS IN INDIA.—The *Indian Medical Gazette* suggests that steps should be taken to convene a congress of medical men in India for the purpose of reading papers on medical, surgery, and sanitary topics, relating especially to the conditions of professional work in India and the tropics. Our contemporary points out that in the proceedings of congresses held elsewhere, tropical diseases receive very scanty attention; these would naturally occupy a foremost place in the discussions at such a gathering as is suggested.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL DINNER.—A most successful dinner of past and present students of Charing Cross Hospital was held on Friday, October 20th, at the Holborn Restaurant, Surgeon-Captain Leahy, M.D., F.R.C.S., in the chair. One hundred and fifty-eight sat down, letters of regret being received from Sir Guyer Hunter, Sir Joseph Fayrer, Dr. Hack Tuke, and others. After "The Queen" the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Staff of the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School," to which Mr. J. Astley Bloxam appropriately replied. Dr. Murray, in an eloquent speech, next proposed the toast of "The Past and Present Students," to which Dr. Colquhoun, of New Zealand University, replied for the past students, relating many amusing incidents of his early academic days, while Mr. F. A. L. Hammond spoke on behalf of the present students. "The Health of the Chairman" was next proposed by Mr. Barwell, who spoke in high terms of the distinguished career of Surgeon-Captain Leahy since his days at Charing Cross—as surgeon to Lord Dufferin in India, and Lecturer in Grant College. A vote of thanks was then passed to the honorary secretaries, Messrs. J. H. Whitehead and H. H. Phillips, who briefly returned their acknowledgments. The musical part of the programme was efficiently supplied by the Bijou Orchestra.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MR. OWEN LANKESTER, M.R.C.S., is giving a course of six lectures on "First Aid to the Injured and Sick," at Mrs. Jopling's School of Art, Logan Place, Earl's Court Road. The first lecture was given last week.

A REUTER'S telegram from Sinaia, Roumania, says that Dr. Playfair, who attended the Princess Marie of Roumania at her recent accouchement, has left for London. Before his departure he was presented by the King with a gold snuff-box and the insignia of a Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Roumania.

MOUNTED NURSES.—The Indian Government has sanctioned the grant of a monthly allowance of 30 rupees for the upkeep of a horse, as at present allowed to military officers, to each lady of the Indian Nursing Service for such time as she may be employed on field service provided that she keeps a horse or pony during such period. Sanction has also been given to the grant of free conveyance of the horse or pony to and from field service.

ANNUAL MEDICAL DINNER AT BRISTOL.—On Friday, October 20th, the above dinner took place at the Imperial Hotel, Bristol, Dr. W. G. Grace in the chair. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, Mr. Albert Fry, members of the faculties of Arts and Science, and of the faculty of Medicine of University College, and about 100 past and present students of the medical school. The Chairman having proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured, the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry proposed "University College, Bristol; the Royal Infirmary, and the General Hospital." He spoke of the work done by these institutions and of the future before them, and referred to the deaths of two students of the school whilst on duty, one abroad and one at the infirmary. Professor Sydney Young, Dr. Fox, and Dr. Harrison responded. Dr. J. G. Swayne proposed "The Bristol Medical Cricket and Football and Dramatic Clubs." He laid stress on the importance of active exercises for those who followed sedentary lives, and thought that it was a great mistake to give up muscular recreation too soon. He had himself swum a mile and a half when 65 years of age. He considered rowing and swimming particularly healthful muscular exercises. Mr. Norrington, Mr. Swayne, and Dr. Michell Clark responded. Mr. Albert Fry proposed the toast of "The Past and Present Students." He referred to the number of great names which had been associated with the Bristol School, and to the list of honours won by students. He congratulated the present students on the good condition of their lungs, and hoped their brains would prove as vigorous. Mr. Augustine Prichard, Mr. Glassin, and Mr. E. W. Ormerod responded. Mr. Prichard gave some interesting reminiscences of the old school, and of some of the teachers and students of the past. Mr. Munro Smith proposed "The Health of the President," and thanked Dr. Grace for occupying the chair. He referred to his former connection with the Bristol Medical School, which had the honour of educating the greatest cricketer of the age. The President replied, and some songs and recitations followed.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, 77 and 79, Gloucester Street, S.W.—Physician for Outpatients. Applications to Honorary Secretary by November 8th.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—An Acting Physician and a Surgeon-Dentist. Appointment for twelve months, but eligible for re-election. Applications to the Medical Board, Children's Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, by November 8th.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Surgeon-Dentist, must be M.R.C.S.Eng. Applications to Arthur E. Reade, Secretary, by October 31st.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon for the Branch Dispensary, unmarried, or if married, without family. Salary, £180 per annum, with partly-furnished house, coal, and gas. Applications to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer by November 25th.

CITY OF SHEFFIELD.—Resident Medical Officer for the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases; doubly qualified. Salary, £200 per annum* with board, lodging, and attendance. Applications endorsed "Medical